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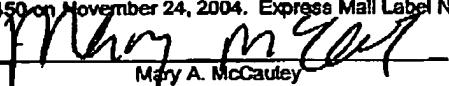
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Heinz PAULY et al.) Group Art Unit: 2162
Application No.: 09/937,707) Examiner: Jean M. Corrielus
Filed: October 1, 2001) Confirmation No.: 7021
For: METHOD FOR DATA)
MAINTENANCE IN A NETWORK OF)
PARTIALLY REPLICATED)
DATABASE SYSTEMS)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action of May 28, 2004. Please charge the fee of \$980.00 to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 24, 2004

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